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In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2133

Application No.: 09/634,637

Examiner: M. Chaudry

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DECODING THE DATA, DATA RECEIVING SYSTEM, AND DATA TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the Office action made final mailed January 12, 2004, the period for response being extended by the attached two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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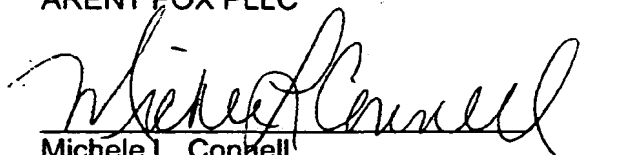
New claims 18-30 are added, each of which depends from one of claims 1, 3, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 17. Thus, each of claims 18-30 is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons its base claim is allowable.

In view of the amendments and patentable distinctions set forth above, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-17 are respectfully requested, and favorable action on claims 1-30 is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiently or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 08391-00010.

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